

Duvall News

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MAYOR'S MESSAGE

Dear Community,

This month's newsletter is full of great information and announcements so I'm going to let it speak for itself.

One thing I did want to announce is that we have a new Councilmember. Jeff Wolf was appointed and sworn in to the vacant position at the second meeting in March. Welcome Jeff!

Spring has begun but as we all know in the Northwest, we're not done with the rain yet. Please be careful while driving or walking in the wet weather. Have a wonderful April everyone!

Sincerely,
Will Ibershof



DEA PRESCRIPTION DRUG TAKE BACK DAY SATURDAY, APRIL 30TH

10:00 AM TO 2:00 PM

Duvall Police Department, 26225 NE Stephens St
No questions, no reports, no names, no fee

Duvall PD will have an officer in the front lobby that will provide a receptacle to safely dispose legal, illegal and OTC drugs.

The program is anonymous. Labels should be removed. If not possible, then a permanent marker will be made available to black out R/X labels. Liquid Products will be taken in their original containers.



Intra-venous solutions, injectables, syringes or medical waste **WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED**. Questions - contact Officer Benjamin Emmons at 425-788-1519 or via email benjamin.emmons@duvallwa.gov.

DUVALL CENTENNIAL 2013 – LET'S START THE PLANNING!

Duvall will turn 100 years as an incorporated town in 2013, and we want to celebrate our community reaching the century mark in a grand way! If you or your group have an idea about how you would like to participate in the celebration, then join the Duvall Centennial Planning kick-off meeting in April. Meeting details will be on www.duvallwa.gov as soon as they are determined. This meeting will seek to identify which groups/individuals are interested in participating in the year-long celebration in 2013, brainstorm potential activities in order to establish a calendar of events for that year, and above all have fun celebrating as a community! Please join us!

LOCAL FIRE CHIEF TO RETIRE

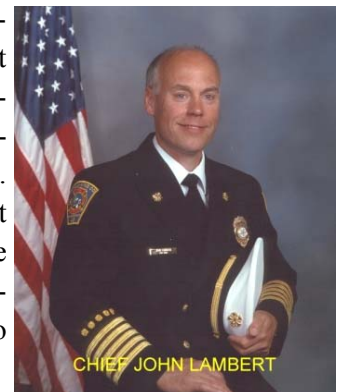
Duvall's fire chief will retire after 33 years in the fire service. John Lambert began his firefighting career as a volunteer with the Bellevue Fire department in February of 1977. From there, he had a brief volunteer stint with District 36 (now Woodinville Fire) and when his family moved to Duvall in November of 1982, he joined their volunteer program. He was hired as the first full-time employee of Fire District 45 on April 15, 1985. Three years later he was promoted to captain and then became chief on August 1, 2000.

John is the fifth person to serve as chief for District 45 and acknowledges his predecessor's hard work as a contributing factor to his success. When asked to reflect upon his career, he cited numerous highlights ranging from the overall evolution of the department and its membership to pinning a firefighter badge on his son Steve at his recruit graduation.

Chief Lambert was instrumental in work on the new headquarters station and the bond that funded it. His work was not limited to visible exterior, as the culture of the organization continued to develop ties to the local community; ensuring that the service was the first priority. He led by example in all fields; stressing training and education. Whether his actions were observed at a training event or the completion of his master's degree, the membership noticed that he truly "walked the talk". Several of the group cites his calm demeanor, rational thought, and an eye for detail as his strongest traits.

In any event, John has left a positive mark on both the organization and the community. One of his greatest legacies is the revitalization and maintenance of the volunteer program. Armed with the support and dedication of the career firefighters, the program has evolved in to one of the most reputable in the area and provides an outstanding service level and value.

Chief John Lambert described the pleasure that he received from serving the community and expressed thanks to Fire District 45's board of fire commissioners, the membership (past and present), and the City of Duvall for affording him opportunities and support over the years. April 18, 2011 may be his last formal day as Fire Chief, but he will always be a part of the organization that he helped to build.



RECOVER YOUR STOLEN PROPERTY



The Duvall-Carnation Police Department has several items in evidence that are believed to be recovered stolen property.

If you were the victim of a burglary or theft in the past 5 years and have not recovered your stolen items, please contact the Duvall-Carnation Police Department and provide a description of your missing items and see if we can help you locate them. All items not claimed within 60 days of this posting will be disposed of.

HOMEOWNERS GUIDE TO KNOTWEED REMOVAL

Japanese knotweed (*Polygonum cuspidatum*) is a non-native invasive species that threatens our community. This rapidly growing plant is quick to shade out native species and take over roadsides, residences and community recreation areas.

The best approach to control is through a combination of cutting and herbicide applications. A late spring/early summer treatment followed by an early fall re-treatment is needed. For well established populations several years of treatment may be needed.

City Staff are available to meet with homeowners to help with educating on the removal. For more information please contact Alana McCoy, Project Manager at 425-788-3434 x 230 or visit the King County website at <http://www.kingcounty.gov/environment/animalsAndPlants/noxious-weeds.aspx>



DID YOU KNOW THAT CAR WASHING CAN BE ENVIRONMENTALLY DAMAGING?

Why is Car Washing Damaging to the Environment?

- Wash water contains dirt, road grime, oil and grease, heavy metals, and soaps, which can destroy aquatic habitat and the quality of our water.
- Pollutants in car wash water that is discharged to storm drains are not removed and end up in our lakes, rivers, creeks, streams, and other waterways.



How can You Have a Clean Car & Clean Waterways?



- Use a commercial car wash. All wash water is treated (through the sanitary sewer system) and most water is recycled.
- If you wash your car at home, wash it on a grassy or gravel area, where the wash water will soak into the soil and won't drain directly to a storm drain or local water body.
- Use a flow control device on your hose, such as a hand spray nozzle with an on and off trigger. Less chance of dirty water entering the storm drainage system and polluting our lakes, streams, and rivers.

***All soaps, even biodegradable ones, are toxic to fish. Only clean rain should go down the storm drain.
Don't allow soap or other pollutants to enter storm drains!***

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS



April 14th & 28th : City Council Meetings - 7:00 p.m. in the meeting room of the Duvall Fire Station.

April 20th Planning Commission Meeting - 7:00 p.m. at the Duvall Community Center.